

ARLINGTON CITY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Chairman Nagel presiding.

Members present: Chairman Lowell Nagel, Dwight Grabitske, Mike Scharping, Dan Hislop, Wayne Kramer, Arden Kreft, Councilmember Curt Reetz

Members absent: Steve Geib

Also Present: Mayor Czech, P&Z Administrator Jenness

Motion by Kramer, seconded by Grabitske, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2006 meeting as presented.

P&Z Administrator Jenness explained that the Council had held the first reading of Ordinance No. 192 – Rights of Way, but had made some changes/additions. He reviewed the changes/additions and then presented a fee schedule to go along with the new ordinance. No action was needed.

Discussion was held on establishing a tree (bank) planting program. Kreft commented that he would like to see trees being planted around town, especially to replace those that have been taken down around the hospital and Four Seasons Park. He feels that City could get trees through the County and plant some each year for city purposes and then residents could buy them from the City for their properties (boulevards). Mayor Czech favored the idea of planting trees. Reetz suggested having the Park Board look into this. Kreft will contact the Park Board.

The Planning & Zoning Board reviewed the permits issued in January. No action was needed.

P&Z Administrator Jenness reported on problem properties in town. He stated that progress was being made on the Moeller house and the green (Custer) house across the street. He commented that he was working with the owner of After Burner Auto Body on cleaning up the property. It was suggested to have him screen off the back area of the property. It was also suggested to have a dumpster down by the city shop area for people to put their scrap metal into.

P&Z Administrator Jenness handed out a proposed changed to the zoning ordinance that was related to Conditional Use Permits in residential areas. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize P&Z Administrator Jenness to schedule a public hearing for the amendment of the zoning ordinance.

P&Z Administrator Jenness commented that he had been contacted by a company interested in putting up a cell phone tower in Arlington. He stated the City does not have an ordinance that covers this and was researching it. Reetz suggested checking with the League of MN Cities for information also.

P&Z Administrator Jenness talked about the need for having a Comprehensive Land Use Plan done. He stated that the 2003 Strategic City Plan could be used to help with this. He suggested going out 2 miles from city limits. The City needs to work with the townships on this as well.

Scharping commented that he has become aware that Don Meyerson is not informing people about the racetrack when he sells a lot. He thought there was supposed to be a clause within the purchase agreement explaining about the noise/racetrack. Mayor Czech said the Developer's Agreement should have this information in it.

Motion by Kreft, seconded by Kramer, and passed unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

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P&Z Administrator Harry Jenness

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Chairman Lowell Nagel